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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 10-25-54

WEATHER Seasonable temperatures prevailed with a sharp change to the colder over the northwestern portion of the State over the weekend. Sharp freezing occurred over the central and western portions of the State during the middle of the week, and a marked change to the colder was overspreading the western and central portions of the State at the close. No extreme temperatures occurred in the east, where most areas have not yet had a killing frost. Light to locally heavy showers fell over the eastern portion of the State early in the week. Light rain or drizzle fell over the Panhandle and extreme north-central portion of the State at the end of the week, with some snow over the northwestern corner. Humidities were generally high and there was considerable cloudiness.

CROPS Corn picking made good progress last week. About 29% of the crop had been harvested as compared to 14% a week ago. A year ago this date 76% had been harvested. The percentage of corn harvested by districts is as follows: Northwest, 29%; North-central, 15%; Northeast, 28%; Central, 32%; East-central, 42%; Southwest, 23%; South-central, 26% and Southeast, 29%. Yields vary from light to good.

Winter wheat has made excellent progress throughout the State, except parts of Kimball and Banner counties where there has been a lack of moisture. Seldom has the stands and top growth been better and it is generally ample to check damage from wind. Some of the wheat fields are being pastured. Sheep and cattle are being pastured on stubble wheat in western Nebraska.

Recent rains ranged from light to substantial in the eastern half of the State, but very light in the western portion where the surface soil is dry. Orange leaf rust is quite heavy in the eastern third of the State, with some rust farther west. There is a little black stem rust. Mosaic so far is very light.

The harvest of late commercial potatoes is nearing completion in western Nebraska. Shipments have been very light as most of the potatoes are going into storage. Harvest of sugar beets is well along. Recent rains may prevent the harvest from being completed this week.

Only a small percentage of the sorghum for grain has been harvested to date. The bulk of the crop has not been frosted yet. Farmers are eager to complete the corn harvest before starting on grain sorghum. The grain sorghum crop is excellent. Birds are taking considerable of the grain.

LIVESTOCK Shipments of stocker and feeder cattle to country points in Nebraska during September were up 52% compared to September a year ago. Shipments for the quarter ending September 30 were up 49%. Shipments of stocker and feeder cattle into the 9 Corn Belt States were up 21% in September and up 11% for the quarter ending September 30.

Shipments of sheep and lambs to country points in Nebraska in September were up 68% as compared to September a year ago and up 45% for the quarter ending September 30. Shipments of sheep and lambs into the 9 Corn Belt States were up 15% in September but only 1% for the quarter ending September 30.

Many of the cattle are being turned into the corn stalk fields to glean fallen corn. Some of the alfalfa is being pastured. Tame grass pasture is still green in southeastern Nebraska.

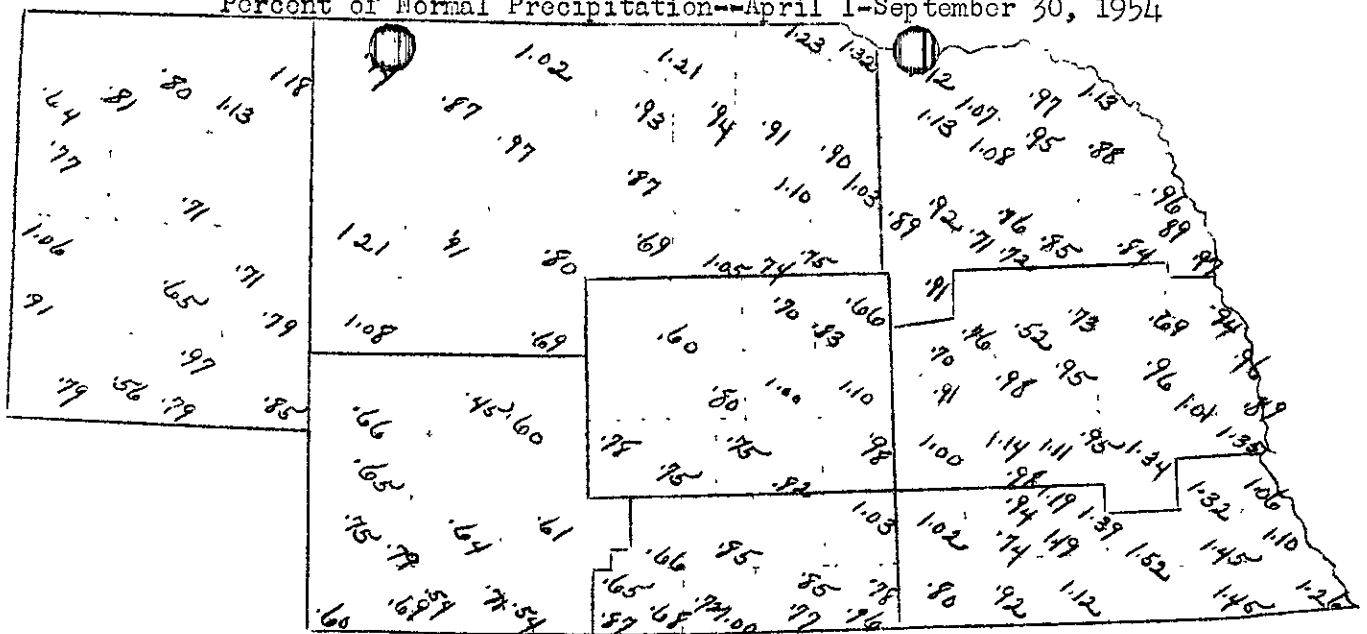
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 25, 1954

<u>Eastern Division</u>	<u>Central Division</u>	<u>Western Division</u>
Grand Island 0	Burwell 0	Chadron .21
Lincoln .34	Lexington 0	Imperial 0
Norfolk .13	North Platte 0	Scottsbluff .14
Omaha .43	Valentine .13	Sidney .01
Sioux City .02		

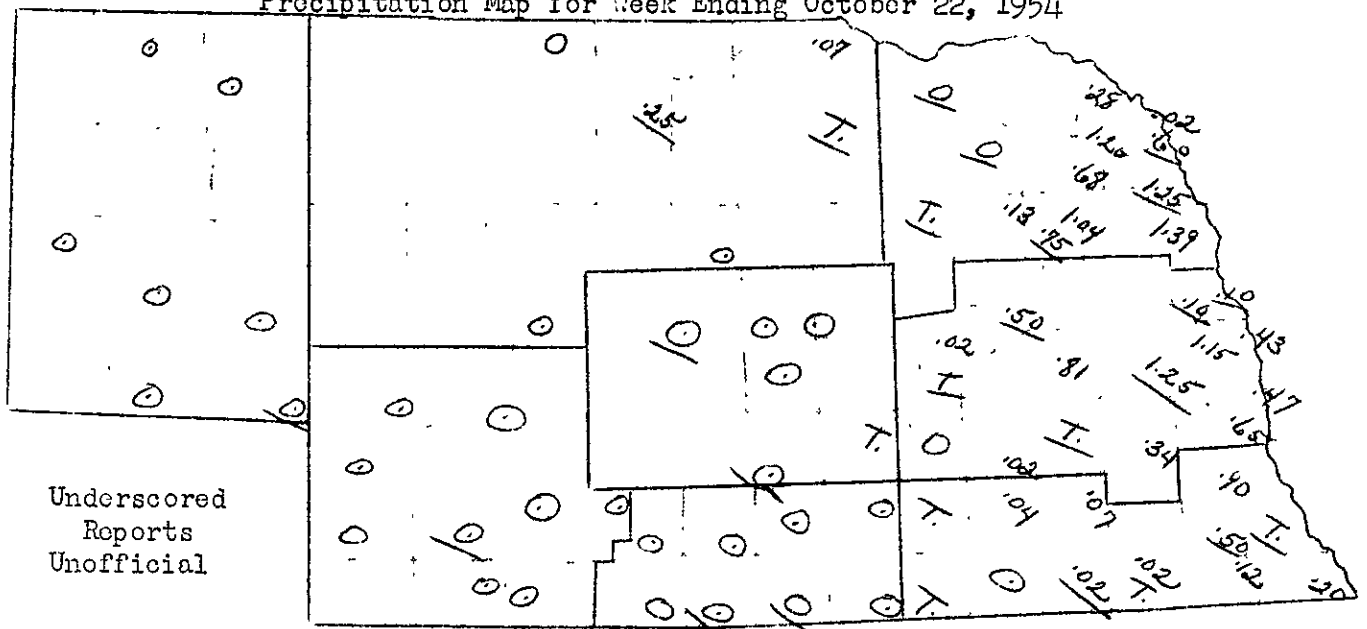
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Percent of Normal Precipitation--April 1-September 30, 1954



Precipitation Map for Week Ending October 22, 1954



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (High for 24 hours ending at 12:30 a.m., and low for 12 hours ending at 6:30 a.m. CST)

		October 19th		20th		21st		22nd		23rd		24th		25th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	71	31	70	45	64	25	68	43	82	48	77	35	44	31
	Scottsbluff	71	33	68	37	63	26	66	35	82	40	75	38	48	32
	Sidney	63	28	63	34	63	25	68	30	72	41	69	36	44	32
N-C	Burwell	--	--	--	--	59	33	62	26	69	43	69	43	69	44
	Valentine	64	45	60	37	63	44	60	38	70	47	68	46	52	35
NE	Norfolk	56	42	46	41	60	37	63	40	60	45	70	47	70	52
	Sioux City	57	41	49	41	60	38	61	44	63	43	69	47	73	53
CEN.	Grand Island	59	42	50	40	63	38	61	37	61	45	69	48	67	45
	Lexington	65	40	55	34	62	31	64	26	66	43	68	50	65	44
E-C	Lincoln	59	43	54	43	63	43	64	47	68	47	72	47	67	55
	Omaha	59	43	52	42	64	45	64	46	70	48	71	48	70	56
SW	Imperial	64	33	61	32	67	30	68	25	68	38	67	42	62	48
	North Platte	63	38	60	33	68	24	66	25	66	42	68	48	60	44

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